

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tamzon Petty of Hot Springs, South Dakota, received a teaching degree from Emporia Teaching College in Kansas and began her teaching career of 61 years in a rural school in Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, In 1923, Mrs. Petty traveled by train from Kansas to South Dakota to accept a teaching position at the Colman School in Fall River County, as the wages in South Dakota were much higher than those offered in Kansas at that time; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Petty taught at several rural schools in Fall River County from 1923 to 1948, including Hay Canyon School, Smithwick School, Colman School and Igloo, until she accepted a teaching position with the Hot Springs School District in 1949, which was the first year the school district hired married female teachers; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Petty taught in the Hot Springs School District from 1949 until 1974, then continued teaching at Oglala, Pine Ridge, Brainerd and Shannon County Schools as a full-time teacher; and,

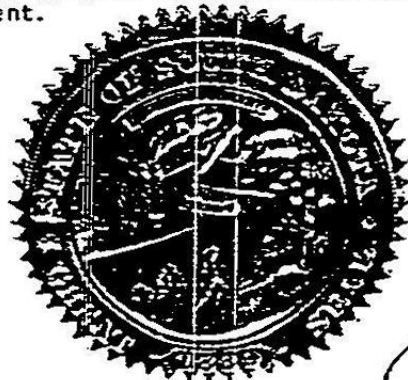
WHEREAS, Mrs. Petty is described by her former students as a petite, shy woman who never had discipline problems, as she commanded respect from her students and got it; and as a teacher who expected the best from her students and always got their best; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Petty has decided to retire from teaching this year after a long and successful teaching career:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim June 2, 1989, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with South Dakota citizens and Mrs. Petty's former students in thanking Mrs. Petty for her many years of dedication to education in South Dakota and wish her many healthy and happy years in her retirement.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Ninth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE